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One of the few good things General Grant ever said was to the effect, that the surest way to secure the repeal of a bad law was to enforce it to the letter. But his party never could see the wisdom of this remark, for they have never put it into practice. Whenever they are dissatisfied with a law, good or bad, and want to be relieved of the obligation of its provisions they fall back at once upon a "higher law," which sustains any action they may desire to take. This "higher law," which they make for themselves as occasion requires is higher even than the Constitution, and that its effects are tremendous is proved by the civil war and all its resulting miseries. The latest resort to it is manifested in the case of Mr. Canoin, the delegate to Congress from the Territory of Utah. The law of the country says the Governor shall give the certificate of election to the candidate receiving the largest number of votes. No body denies that Mr. Canoin received an overwhelming majority of the votes cast, but as he is objectionable to the republican Government of Utah, the latter calls at once upon his "higher law" and gives the certificate to his defeated opponent.

Every right thinking man commiserates the sufferings of the unfortunate people of Ireland, and hopes that their unhappy condition may be speedily ameliorated. But every just man must commend the following passage in the recent pastoral address of Archbishop McCabe: "There are hundreds of honest, industrious men among us who, trusting to their faith in the public conscience and calculating on the security which a duly constituted government is expected to give, have invested the fruits of their years of toil and self-sacrifice in property from which they hoped they and their children would draw the means of an honorable subsistence. If the landowner's claim to his land is not questioned, who will guarantee the tenant's right to his outlay of money and toil to-morrow? If not, he will repay injustice and in a day of retribution the wrongdoer will be laughed at when he seeks for sympathy in his troubles." The misery that has already resulted to the Irish from the acreage produced by the teachings of Mr. Parnell can never be offset by the good he can possibly do them.

The *Nova Vremya*, of St. Petersburg, severely criticizes President Arthur's Message on account of his references to Russia, and says "he takes upon himself to criticize the internal affairs of Russia, of which he knows nothing and is not likely ever to understand a word." Now though this is the assertion of the leading newspaper in Russia, it is only an assertion. But it must be acknowledged that it is sustained by the fact that in the recent political campaign in this State the President took the part of the ignorant masses and the more capable republicans against the debt-payers, "the church, society and all" of the State. It is not reasonable to suppose that he would have done so if he had been correctly informed of the state of affairs in Russia. Then, if he is so ignorant of the condition of a portion of his own country, and that portion so near to him as to be within sight of his residence, it is not likely he should know anything about a country so far away as Russia?

We learn from the Richmond Whig that N. B. Meade, Esq., one of this city, has well under way a history of the warfare against the Funding Bill and of the formation of the Readjuster party. The Whig says: "But few are better posted as to the details of the party and its secret, unwritten history." If the secret history of the party can only be gotten at, it will be rich reading indeed.

It is no new thing for a republican President to pay for rendered party services with the offices at his disposal. But Mr. Arthur is the first one who has openly gone into the business of changing the political complexion of States by debauching members of the dominant party therein with the federal patronage in those States. It is certainly an effective way, owing to the weakness of human nature, but all wise men see it is not conducive to the prosperity of republican institutions.

The New York Journal of Commerce is after Mr. Burchard, the director of the Mint, with a sharp stick, not only for striking differences in his reports of the same thing, and remarkable discrepancies between the amount of the profits of the mint he says he turned into the treasury and the amount he actually turned in, but also for paying off a bogus report upon the Secretary of the Treasury and inducing him to incorporate it into his annual report.

A LOUDON FARMER SWINDLED OUT OF \$200.—W. F. Norman, a young farmer of Loudoun county, Va., went to Washington a day or two ago and disposed of some cattle for \$200. After receiving the money he proceeded to take a little stroll down Pennsylvania avenue, and when near Second street was accosted by an individual named James King, well-known to the authorities, who tapped the unsuspecting stranger on the back and represented himself as acquainted with Washington. A second party soon arrived and as a friend of King's residing here escorted the trio of strangers to the Arsenal grounds to show them the tree upon which Mr. Surratt was hanged. While there a third one of the "skilled" came up and explained how he had lost his money playing a little three card game, of which he then thought himself master. The gentleman from Virginia knew he could pick up the winning card and led a \$100 note in the effort. An impostor policeman at this juncture surprised the party, which proceeded to scamper off to all directions, one of the monte gang not neglecting to snatch Norman's second \$100 note from him. King was arrested, and yesterday morning the case was sent to the Grand Jury.

**Injunction Dissolved.**  
PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 15.—The Supreme Court this morning dissolved the injunction restraining the sale of the Sprague estates.

**FROM WASHINGTON.**  
*Special Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.*  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15, 1881.  
Mr. W. S. Lury, U. S. Attorney for the Western district of Virginia, who is locked upon as a halfway straight-out republican, and who, at least for a time, was in favor of the republicans mistaking their organization during the late campaign in Virginia, is an applicant for reappointment. His commission expired on the 15th inst. He is recommended by nearly all the members of the bar of his district, but as General Mahone's preference with respect to the position has not yet been made public, his fate is, of course, unknown. The Finance Committee of the Senate had Secretary Folger before them this morning, but though he opposed the Sherman three per cent. funding bill, as was expected from his late report, and though the President has also expressed himself as opposed to that bill, the Committee almost unanimously agreed to recommend the passage of that bill, with a few unimportant amendments.

Mr. Filley, who succeeded Mr. James as Postmaster General, is an old acquaintance of the President and lived for a long time in the same town with him—Lancaster, N. Y. He is a native maker, but went to St. Louis many years ago, "grew up" with the place, became postmaster there, and is a stalwart radical politician.

It is reported by the readjusters here that changes will soon be made in the principal positions in Loudoun county, Virginia, and that Mr. Ozen Holmes, a republican readjuster, will get the office of Lieutenant, the salary of which is \$1,200, and T. M. Kelly, who at Parcellville, A. Mahone will also get the office of Waterford.

The committee of the American Bar Association made a ceremonious call upon the Judges of the Supreme Court this morning. This committee, the Judiciary Committee of both houses of Congress and the Supreme Court itself are all agreed that something should be done, and that at once toward relieving the Supreme Court of the immense pressure upon it, and it is supposed the result will be, as heretofore stated in this correspondence, the creation of an inferior judiciary court.

When the resolution for creating a committee on woman suffrage came up in the Senate to day it was opposed by Mr. Vest, who desired Mr. Hoar's assent that this country was not governed properly because women were not allowed to vote, and that the ladies wanted the privilege of suffrage, and said that so far as government consisted in feeding, clothing, housing, educating people and making them happy this was the best government on the face of the earth, and that, too, though the republicans had had control of it for the last twenty years, and that if Mr. Hoar's project succeeded it would be found that while the country crowded the election polls the ladies of the country would remain at home, as they do not want to vote.

When the Senate adjourns to day it will be on Monday next. The House will be in session to-morrow. The impression to day is that the Christmas recess will not commence until next Thursday. Ex-Senator Withers and Col. John S. Barbour, members of the House from the Alexandria district, were on the floor of the Senate to-day; the latter and his family now occupy their residence, on Capitol Hill. Mr. Chapman, member of the House from the lower Potomac district of Maryland, has not decided whether to bring his family here this winter or not, but will probably do so.

Among the callers at the White House to-day were a party of four, consisting of Messrs. D. A. and F. R. Windsor, of Alexandria; Mr. Hansbrough, of Calpepper, and Colonel M. D. Bell, of Alaska.

Judge Garrison, member of the House from the 1st district of Virginia, will, if Virginia is re-elected to-morrow in the case of States, introduce a bill removing the Custom House from Tappanhook to Urbans, for the reason that of all the vessels that ply on the Rappahannock River only four are owned above Tappanhook, and that those owned below that place have to go 35 miles up a narrow and crooked channel in order to transport their custom house business. Mr. Garrison will at the same time introduce bills making that day on some 50 instead of 10 per cent. ad valorem on sheep and goat skins tanned or partly tanned for the purpose of making moccasins 25 per cent. ad valorem, and for bringing Newport News, in the Yorktown collection district.

The special agent sent at the request of Judge Garrison to investigate the Shenandoah postoffice matter has made some report that the Postmaster General has been compelled to revoke his action abolishing that office, and says he will re-establish it and appoint a new postmaster as soon as possible. "As soon as possible" it is supposed means as soon as General Mahone selects another postmaster and one with credit enough to enable him to rent a room in which to keep the office. The office, however, will soon be re-established and the people of King and Queen and Middlesex counties living in that district will be relieved from the mail facilities from which they were deprived by the representatives of one of General Mahone's appointees.

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At the request of Judge Garrison, member of the House from the 1st district of Virginia, and upon the representation of Col. Montague, the Postoffice Department after abolishing the postoffice at Snakelocks in King and Queen county, Virginia, and thereby depriving a large portion of that and Middlesex county of mail service, for no other reason than the fact that the two stores in the village, the only places in which the postoffice could be kept, the owner of neither would rent the place because one was the deposed postmaster and the other did not want the office at his store. Postmaster General James agreed last week to send a special messenger to Shenandoah to investigate the matter and see if Virginia had any postoffice right which a republican administration run in the interests of repudiating Mahoneites, was found to respect. When enquiry was made at the department about the abolition of the office referred to, Mr. Hutton, Assistant Postmaster General, was conspicuously pert and presumptuous in denying his responsibility for the outrage, but was quickly informed that that was not the object of the enquiry, which was whether the Department of the United States was to conduct its business in accordance with the principles of right and justice. It thus appeared that one man, the Assistant Postmaster General, has the authority under republican regime to deprive hundreds of people of all mail facilities at his mere whim, and against the urgent and just protests of the indignant and outraged sufferers.

Disorders continue in Ireland.

**VIRGINIA NEWS.**  
A youth named Evans was shot and killed in Nelson county a few days ago by a colored boy.  
Col. John H. Timberlake, a prominent citizen of Albemarle county, was thrown from his horse Saturday night and killed.  
At Petersburg, Monday, James Stanley was sentenced to the penitentiary for burglary. This being his third conviction, by law he goes for life.

Rosa Jackson has been granted a divorce from Henry H. Jackson, by Justice Wiley, in Washington, and given permission to resume her maiden name, Rose Carter. This couple were married in Fredericksburg, December 12, 1878, and he deserted her February 1, 1879. Before they had been married a week she charged that he struck her a blow in the face, knocking her against the bed.

Thomas Valentine, white, a barber, was arrested in Richmond yesterday by Constable Harris, of Elizabeth City county, on a warrant charging him with having been one of a party of men who last week took William Allen, colored, from the Warwick county jail and lynched him. Allen was awaiting trial for the murder of William Slater, whom he stabbed to death in an affray at Newport News. Valentine kept a barber shop in Hampton at the time of the killing of Slater. He will be taken to the Elizabeth City county jail.

The stockholders of the Richmond, York River and Chesapeake Railroad in their annual meeting at Richmond Tuesday, ratified and confirmed the lease made to the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company in July last for the term of 999 years, the latter company to assume the bonded indebtedness and guarantee to the stockholders 6 per cent. annually on the capital stock. Thomas Clyde was elected president of the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Richmond and Alleghany Railroad Company was also held Tuesday. The reports of President P. O. French and General Manager Agell were submitted, showing the prosperous condition of the road. One of the directors is Hon. W. H. Barrow, of Occoquan.

**Legislative.**  
In the Senate yesterday bills were introduced for the relief of the Virginia State Agricultural Society and to promote the agricultural interests of the State. [The bill provides for an annual appropriation of \$10,000, to be paid in quarterly instalments. Among the conditions are that the Society shall issue a publication of not less than 3,000 copies in book form to be devoted to agriculture, mining, etc., and that the State shall be represented in the Executive Committee by the Commissioner of Agriculture and two other citizens; and incorporating the Danville and New River Narrow Gauge Railroad Company.]

In the House of Delegates the minority report to the contested election case of Krazier and Lady vs. Dunlap and Leach, from Rock bridge, was referred, and after a long and spirited debate it was decided to take a vote on the question to-morrow at 10 o'clock. Mr. Parr's remarks urging haste in settling the democratic members were applauded by his readjuster colleagues.

A bill looking to the removal of General Peyton Wise as Tobacco Inspector, appointed by the Richmond Tobacco Association, was introduced.

Bills were introduced to ratify and confirm the consolidation of the Richmond and Southwestern Railroad Company with the Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio Narrow Gauge Railroad Company under the name of the Richmond and Louisville Railroad Company; to incorporate the Libanon and Buchanan Turnpike Company, and to amend the 1st, 2d and 3d sections of an act to incorporate the Baltimore and Annapolis Railroad Company, and to change the name to the Norfolk and Occoquan.

Resolutions were introduced instructing the Committee for Courts of Justice to inquire into and report whether the law is sufficiently in force to compel the treasurer of a county to make settlements with the county supervisor in regard to the district school roads of the preceding year before a new levy is made for district purposes; directing the Committee on Federal Relations to ascertain what amount of money collected through the internal revenue is now unexpended in the Treasury of the United States, and to further ascertain what legislation can be had on the part of Congress to have the surplus, if any exists, refunded pro rata to the respective States from which it was collected.

Among the bills before the Senate Committee on Roads is one providing for the construction of a railroad from some point in Richmond or Henrico county to such point as may be selected on the line between North Carolina and Virginia in the county of Mecklenburg.

The coalition majority in the Senate has begun work in earnest in the matter of the displacement of officials and others. In executive or secret session yesterday afternoon a large number of nominations were rejected, including those of Dr. Thomas Pollard, Commissioner of Agriculture; the Board of Visitors of Blackburg College; county inspectors of tobacco at Petersburg, and fifty-four county and school superintendents. Some of these appointments were made just before the adjournment of the last Legislature two years ago, but were not confirmed, and the remainder were made soon after, and all have served in their various positions during the interim between the two sessions. The sweep was a clean one, as every nomination sent to the Senate was rejected. After the last of January there is a new appointing power will come in, and new nominations be made.

**FOREIGN NEWS.**  
Bismarck is reported quitted.  
Mr. Boyer has been elected president of the Swiss Confederation.

The political situation in Germany threatens to become more complicated than ever.  
An abortive attempt to incite a revolution was made at St. Marc, Haiti, on Friday last.

More bodies were recovered from the ruins of the Ring Theatre fire, in Vienna yesterday.

A new French group, entitled the "Radical Left," has been formed in the Chamber of Deputies.

Clerical journals of Paris say that the Pope consulted the Bishops who attended the recent canonization ceremonies as to the expediency of his leaving Rome.

A meeting was held in London yesterday to promote the emigration of women to Canada. The Marquis of Lorne presided, and Sir Alex. T. Galt spoke hopefully of the project.

The Italian "crank" who threw a revolver at Signor Depretis while he was speaking in the Chamber of Deputies at Rome has been sentenced to a year's imprisonment and a year's exile.

**TERRIBLE DEATH OF A YOUNG WIFE.**—A distressing accident occurred on Friday last near Bowling Green, Caroline county, Va. Mr. Wm. Wright had felled a large tree, which had lodged against another tree. At this moment his wife approached him with a lunch, and he called to her to take care; but before she could get out of the way the tree fell and caught her beneath it, crushing her to death. Her husband lay in agony of pain while her horrified husband undertook to cut the tree in two again, and relieve the unfortunate woman, who lay moaning and mangled beneath it. He for a long time endeavored to extricate her but she was unable to move, and the agonized husband had to leave her alone and go for help to remove her. Life was almost extinct when he returned, and that night death terminated her suffering. The pair had been married less than a year. She was a Miss Smoot, of Caroline county.

The U. S. Supreme Court will adjourn on the 22d inst. to the 4th prox.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

Mr. John W. Garrett has been re-elected president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company.

Secretary Folger accepted the entire amount of \$480,000 in United States bonds extended bonds offered at the treasury in New York yesterday.

A sub-committee of the Senate committee on Appropriations has been appointed to ascertain the manner in which the contingent funds of the executive departments are expended.

Mr. Scoville, Guitau's counsel, lectured to a small audience in Washington last night, and in the course of his remarks said he had good reason to believe the prisoner would be assassinated before the close of his trial.

A banking firm in Washington has entered suit against T. G. Brady, late second assistant postmaster general, and S. P. Brown to recover the amount of two notes of \$2,000 each long overdue.

The large marble block of buildings on Broadway, New York, formerly the retail store of A. T. Stewart & Co. is offered for sale or lease. The price asked is \$2,000,000, or on lease at \$150,000 per annum.

The First Assistant Postmaster General rules that supplements to newspapers cannot pass through the mails as second-class mail matter, unless on the affidavit of the proprietor that they contain the same class of advertising as that in the regular sheet.

Three cars, containing 250,000 cards of silk-worm eggs, each card having 30,000 eggs, passed onward yesterday from Cheyenne, W. T. The total value of the eggs is \$250,000. They came from Japan, and are bound for Milan, Italy. Formerly such shipments were made via India. Four Italian merchants have charge of the precious freight.

About half-past one o'clock yesterday morning a party of masked men forcibly entered the jailer's room in the court-house building at Austin, Nevada, overpowered the jailer and forced him to give up the keys to the jail and the cell door where Richard Jennings was confined, who, without provocation and in cold blood, shot and killed John A. Barter, an old and respected citizen, Monday night. Jennings was then taken out and hanged from a beam over the front door.

## Letter from Charlottesville.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]  
CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Dec. 14.—As the newspapers are making compromises of the white and colored votes and the relative efforts of the various counties in the late struggle for the supremacy of the true men of the State, let us see what old Albemarle has done. The combined vote of the readjuster and radical party in several previous elections over the conservative, ranged from 1,000 to 1,500. By the rough organization with some of the very best leaders that any State can boast of, this majority was overcome and a clear majority of between 250 and 300 votes was polled for the conservative candidates, all of whom were elected. What if all the counties in the State had done this? May we not surmise for glorious old Albemarle, the home of the great original readjuster chief, John E. Massey. Well, the leaguers are boasting of their victory, and bragging over the spoils, while the real friends of good government are now forced to submit to a supremacy of the most disgraceful character as the Gazette has well and ably portrayed so often. There surely cannot be a much lower depth of shame than that of a man or set of men who unite with the worst of outside enemies and the most degraded of a population, and who glory in the dwarfing of a native State, and such a State as old Virginia has ever been regarded by all her true children everywhere, as well as all who have admired their true character for integrity, which the old Dominion has never maintained. It is enough to crush her sons and daughters to "weep," but the result, it is hoped, will only serve to bring with more earnestness in the future, not to trust to "beating the air," but like old Albemarle, let them organize thoroughly, and call upon the people to redeem their mother from the thraldom of the wicked coalition.

Charlottesville has been the central point of various assemblies during the present year, the latest being the meeting of the Virginia Conference, a large and influential body of Methodist ministers, including a number of fine looking and eloquent divines. These all having left, a convention of many of the best citizens of the State is called for the 20th inst., having for its object the presentation of the local option question in regard to the sale of liquors in various counties. This is regarded by many as an important question, and presents itself to every man's consideration as to the propriety of having liquor sold within the precincts of his county or neighborhood. Like the serpent that bites the ankle instead of the man that holds it, this question brings the subject directly to the contemplation of every man as to the true source of the many evils, crimes and pauperism around him.

Advices here are now turned to the State and United States legislatures. The late combination in Virginia is fully endorsed by the party in power in Washington, and all the elections landmarks that have distinguished Virginia as the mother of States and statesmen are to be swept away by the vandals who have won the possession of her legislative halls. May Heaven grant a rupture ere the pure origin is torn from the shoulders of our righteous, noble and time-honored judiciary.

No news of special interest is passing around us at present. Accidents, sales, &c., occasionally occur, which need not be mentioned in this correspondence.

The students at the University seem to be quietly and earnestly pursuing their studies. Another session will probably witness the inauguration of the grand Methodist conference as a part of the study of the University.

The sound of the Christmas hymns now begins to be heard, and the busy hum of buyers and sellers foreshadow its early approach.

**COLLIDED WITH A TRAIN.**—Yesterday morning, about daylight, Mr. J. Vance Bell's team, driven by Mr. Lewis, collided with the Harrisburg train on the Millwood road crossing. Mr. Lewis was thrown over a fence, one of his ears cut off, and he was severely injured. The wagon was demolished, and one of the horses very severely injured. The train stopped as soon as possible and backed to the scene of the accident, where the train hands rendered all the assistance in their power to Mr. Lewis. Dr. Miller attended to his injuries.—Winchester Times.

**COMMUNICATED.**  
MARKET HOUSE.—It seems the City Council have ordered the "pointing up" of the brick work of the building. Surely the committee having it in special charge do not intend to have that work done this time of year, when almost anyone knows the cement will not set in the winter, the frost blowing it out. May be the time for that work, it the Council wish it to stand.

**AN AFFAIR OF EXTENDING HANDS.**—An impossibility; twisting in the throat, business of the voice, violent coughing, etc., are the effects of a severe cold. Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup cures the cold at once and removes its serious effects.

**DIED.**  
This morning, at 2:30 o'clock, after a short illness, M. A. R. A. wife of J. M. Love, esq., Commercial at Fairfax Court House at 12 m. Friday, December 16.

**THE VIENNA DISASTER.**  
LONDON, Dec. 15.—In consequence of the Vienna disaster the Lord Chamberlain has requested the managers of the London theatres to immediately separate the system of lighting the auditorium from that of lighting the stage.

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**Nominations.**  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—The President sent the following nominations to the Senate to-day: J. C. Bancroft Davis, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of State, and Clifford Statham, postmaster at Lynchburg.

**The Lost Balloon.**  
LONDON, Dec. 15.—A telegram from the Postmaster at Alderney states that a balloon was seen there yesterday morning. A gunboat will proceed to Alderney to make an investigation.

**Missing Steamer.**  
LONDON, Dec. 15.—Eighty guinea premium

## TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPH NEWS.

### To Day's Congressional Proceedings.

#### SENATE.

On motion of Mr. Anthony an adjournment over until Monday was provided for—30 to 19. Petitions were presented by Messrs. Sherman and Ferry for a reclamation of railroad transportation routes, and by Messrs. Plumb and Mitchell for the abolition of taxes on bank deposits and checks.

Mr. Sherman, from the Committee on Finance, reported favorably, with amendments, the bill to provide for the issue of three per cent. bonds. He gave notice he would ask its consideration immediately after the holidays. The bill was placed on the calendar.

Bills were introduced and referred to committees as follows:

By Mr. Anthony: Fixing rank and pay of certain officers of the navy. Referred to Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Hoar: Four bills, making appointments of representatives in Congress among the several States under the tenth census.

By Mr. C. K. To regulate interstate commerce and to prohibit unjust discriminations by common carriers. Referred to Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Back: To repeal laws on deposits with banks, banking associations and bankers. Referred to Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Miller, (Cal.) to incorporate the Maritime Canal Company, of Nicaragua. Referred to Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. Plumb: To authorize the issue of var certificates and standard silver dollars on the deposit of silver bullion. Referred to Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Wallie: Authorizing the appointment of one of the two civil commissioners of the District of Columbia. Referred to Committee on the District of Columbia.

Resolutions were submitted and disposed of as follows:

By Mr. McPherson: Referring to Committee on Naval Affairs the President's recommendations in favor of a thorough rehabilitation of the navy. Adopted.

By Mr. Morrill: Instructing the District Committee to inquire into the expediency of reporting some provisions of law by which the sale and advertising of lottery tickets in the District of Columbia shall be made unlawful and subject to proper penalties. He spoke of the evil as a growing one, affecting the employees of the departments, male and female. Adopted.

Upon the expiration of the morning hour, Mr. Garland proceeded to speak upon the presidential succession question.

#### The Guitau Trial.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—As soon as the Court was called to order Guitau addressed the Court and said: "If your honor please I want to make a little speech. It will be a great misfortune if anything should happen to this jury. They are very honest, intelligent men, and I want the best of care taken of them. There are some of them who are not accustomed to good wholesome food, and consequently they are liable to have indigestion. I want the Court to order them out every morning for a walk of four or five miles before breakfast. I have two or three more little suggestions to make, but this will do for the present."

Judge Cox: "The Court will attend to the wants of the jury."

Mr. Guitau, who was on the witness stand when the Court adjourned yesterday, was recalled. Witness had never detected any signs of insincerity in the prisoner. Thought him capable of distinguishing between right and wrong.

Mr. Scoville began to cross-examine the witness. When Guitau in a great rage shouted, "I never saw this man but once in my life, and that was in 1873. I never saw him but five minutes in my life. What does he know about me? This shows just how little sense you have got, Corkhill, to put up this man as an expert." [To Mr. Scoville:] "And you haven't got common horse sense to waste the time of the Court in examining a man of his character."

The witness, in his testimony, said he at one time saw the prisoner selling a small book of Moody and Sankey's collection.

During the witness's examination, Guitau said, "You are a liar, sir; a miserable liar; that's the way to dispose of you, sir, you miserable whip, to come here and make me out a book agent."

Mrs. Dumore, formerly the wife of Guitau, then took the stand. She was married to the prisoner in 1879.

Mr. Scoville objected to the testimony unless record proof of divorce was shown, and witness was then withdrawn. Col. Corkhill remarking that he would introduce the witness later.

Mrs. Scoville suddenly arose in her place and said: "Your Honor, I would like to ask a question of the witness. I consider it of vital importance to the case."

Guitau [impetuously]: "Now don't, sister; let all these people go to do to stand me, without your talking. You are no lawyer."

Mr. Scoville: The question is of vital importance.

Mr. Scoville: "I prefer, Your Honor, that permission should not be given."

Mr. Davidge—Last Mrs. Scoville suggest the question to her husband and we will not object."

Mrs. Scoville, [Sotto voce]: "Will he not know how to ask questions, anyway?"

Mr. Scoville asked if it were possible to place in the prisoner's office any drugs that would make him appear brighter, or more quiet, as the case might be.

The witness was finally permitted to depart, much to the disappointment, apparently, of Mrs. Scoville.

Gen. Jas. S. Reynolds, a lawyer from Chicago, was next examined. He, too, was frequently interrupted by Guitau.

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LONDON, Dec. 15.—A telegram from the Postmaster at Alderney states that a balloon was seen there yesterday morning. A gunboat will proceed to Alderney to make an investigation.

**Missing Steamer.**  
LONDON, Dec. 15.—Eighty guinea premium

was paid yesterday on the overdue steamer Bath City, from Bristol to New York. She is supposed to have foundered during the late gales.

## Fire.

ST. JOHN'S RUS, W. Va., Dec. 15.—The Berkeley Springs hotel took fire last night about 10 o'clock. The fire was confined to the centre of the east wing. The building was damaged but little.

**The Markets.**  
BALTIMORE, Dec. 15.—Virginia Gold—1 do deferred 17; do consolidated 7 1/2; new 12 1/2. Silver 40; past due coupon 41; new 40 1/2 bid today. Cotton a shade easier; middlings 14 1/2. Flour steady and quiet. Wheat—Southern easier; Western firmer; Southern red 13 1/2; do amber 14 1/2; No 1 Md 14 1/2; No 2 Western winter red spot and Dec 13 1/2; Jan 13 1/2; Feb 13 1/2; Mar 13 1/2; Corn—Southern steady and active; Western dull and neglected; Southern white 8; do yellow 6 1/2; Western mixed spot and Dec 6 1/2; Jan 6 1/2; Feb 6 1/2; Mar 6 1/2; do mixed 4 1/2; Penna 4 1/2; Rye dull at 10 1/2; Hay dull and unchanged. Coffee firm; Rio cargoes ordinary to fair 31 1/2; Sugar dull. A soft 6 1/2. Whiskey quiet at 17.

New York, Dec. 15.—Stocks generally without important change. Money 6 1/2. Cotton dull; uplands 11 1/2; Orleans 12 1/2. Flour dull and heavy. Wheat opened about 4 1/2 lower and afterwards became firm and recovered. Corn dull and about 4 1/2 lower.

**Richmond and Danville Railroad.**  
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Richmond and Danville railroad was called for yesterday at Richmond.